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TAGS: CVIS: PAKISTAN VISAS

SUBJ: EXEMPTIONS TO RESTRICTIVE VISA POLICY

REF: ISLAMABAD 0473

1. REF TEL. REPORTED THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTH
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COMING LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE, GOP ISLAMABAD

CLEARANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO ANY FOREIGNER WHO WOULD ENTER PAKISTAN BETWEEN JANUARY 20 AND FEBRUARY 28, 1974.

2. GOP HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT NINE CATEGORIES OF FOREIGNERS WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PRE-CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO VISA ISSUANCE. THESE CATAGORIES WILL STILL REQUIRE VISAS, BUT PAKISTAN MISSIONS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FROM ISLAMABAD.

THE EXEMPTED CATAGORIES ARE:

1. MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS WHETHER COMING FOR THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT OR OTHERWISE.
2. FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF FOREIGN MISSION COMING TO JOIN THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS IN PAKISTAN.
3. DIPLOMATIC COURIERS COMING TO OR TRANSITTING THROUGH PAKISTAN.
4. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS COMING TO PAKISTAN ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
5. HOLDERS OF LAISSEZ PASSER ISSUED BY THE U.N. AND COMING TO PAKISTAN ON BONA FIDE DUTY.
6. MEMBERS OF I.C.R.C. COMING TO PAKISTAN IN CONNECTION WITH REPATRIATION OF PAKISTANIS AND BANGLADESHIS.
7. FOREIGNERS VISITING PAKISTAN ON THE INVITATION OF GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN.
8. OFFICIALS OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES DESIRING TO COME TO PAKISTAN FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ETC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE.
9. STAFF MEMBERS ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT.

3. ALL TRAVELLERS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE CATEGORIES WILL STILL REQUIRE PRE-CLEARANCE AND THE GOP TOURIST VISA EXEMPTION POLICY REMAINS SUSPENDED.

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